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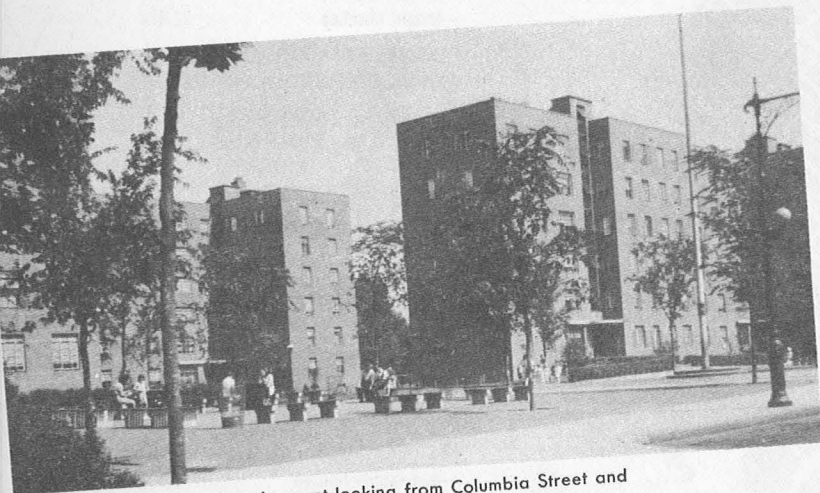
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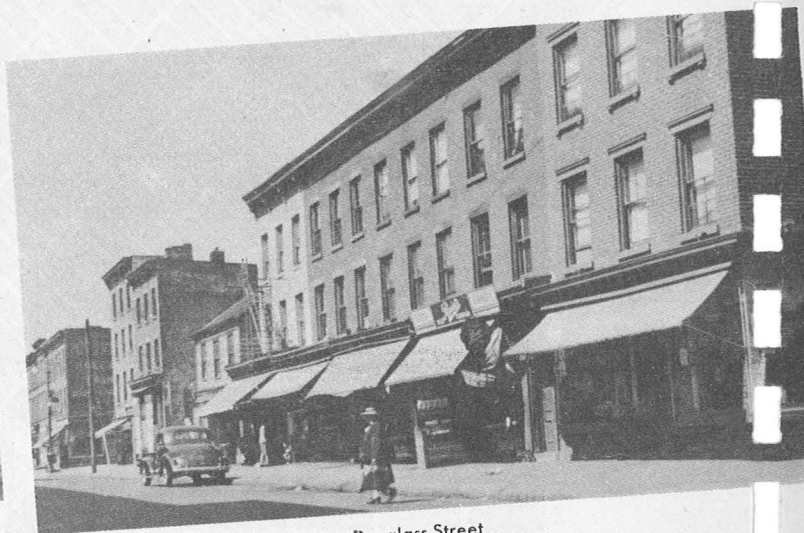
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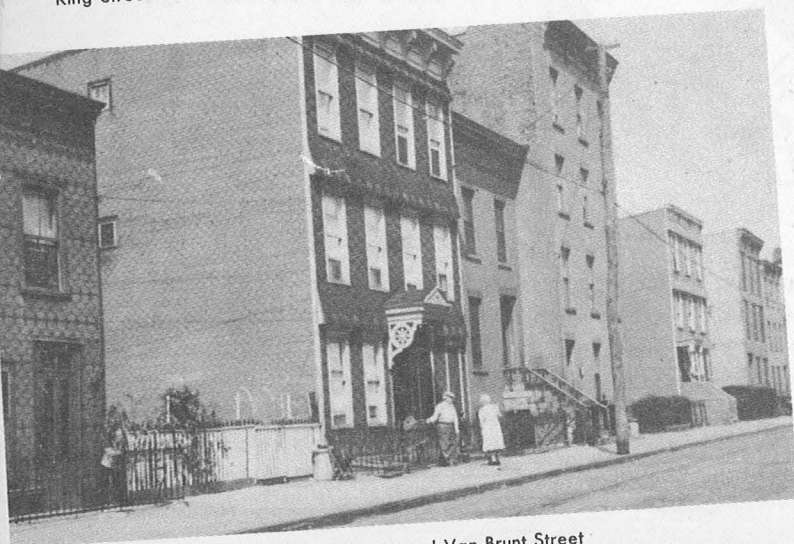
Right: Sackett Street looking west from Court Street



Red Hook Housing Development looking from Columbia Street and King Street



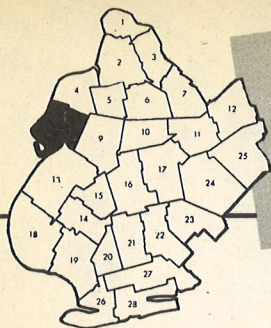
Hoyt Street from Butler Street to Douglass Street



Dikeman Street between Richards Street and Van Brunt Street



3rd Street looking west from Hoyt Street



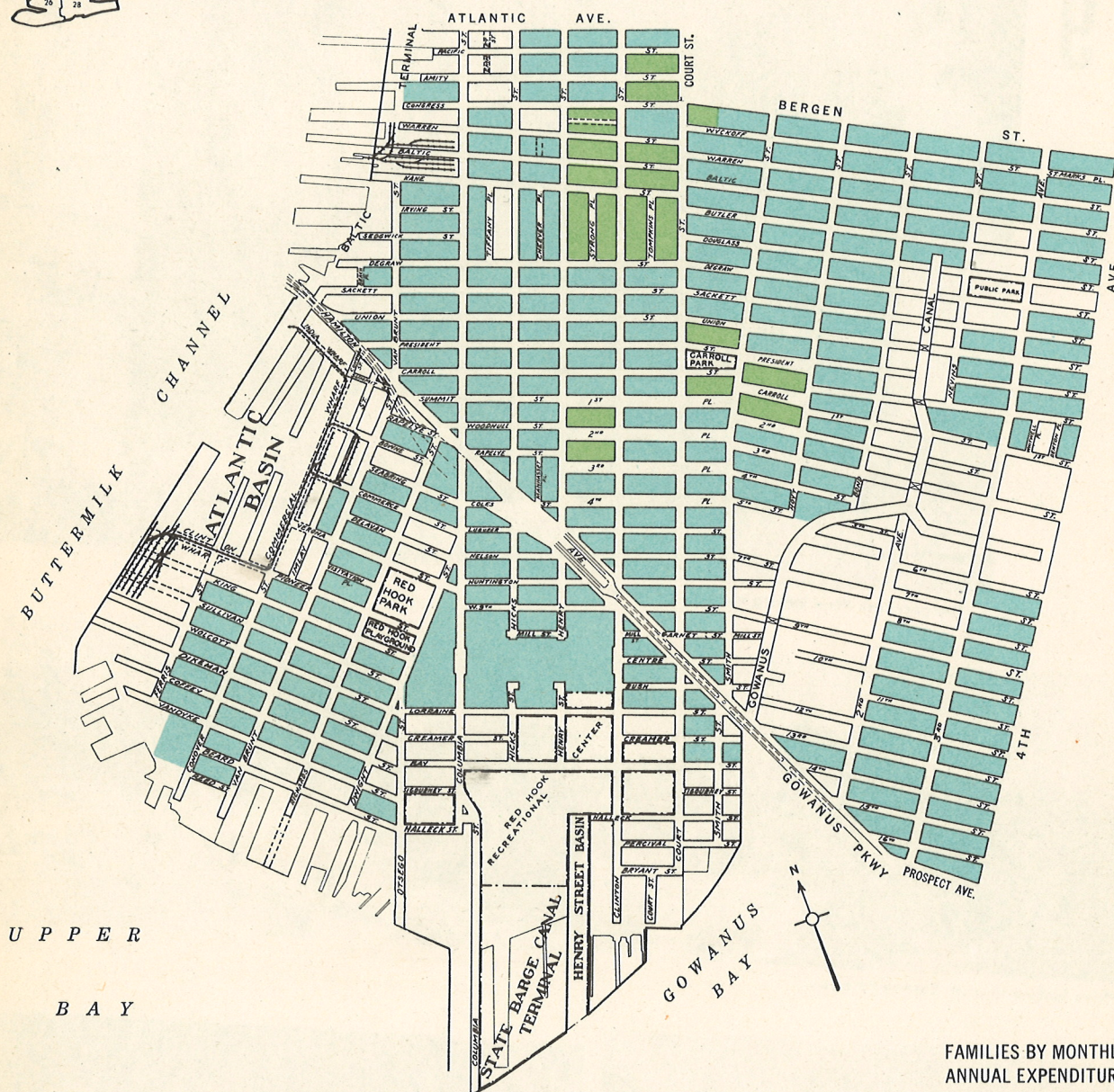
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Like most Brooklyn waterfront neighborhoods, South Brooklyn is crowded with docks, warehouses, terminals, and factories. Here is done much of the work that makes New York a great marine center. Red Hook has been vastly improved. The families of stevedores and factory workers comprise most of the population. Greatest improvement in the area is the big Red Hook housing development, which contains 2,545 apartments. Gowanus Parkway also has helped the appearance of the district. Important business streets are Hamilton Avenue and Columbia Court, Hicks and Smith Streets. Buttermilk Channel separates Governors Island from this district.

POPULATION 99,766
(larger than Lynn, Mass.)
Native white 69,852
Foreign-born white 27,219
Negro 2,444
Other races 251

Italians, two-thirds of the foreign-born, are dispersed through the district. Negroes in the Bergen Street area.

FAMILIES 25,171
—owner families 3,592
—tenant families 21,579

FAMILIES BY MONTHLY RENT & ANNUAL EXPENDITURE GROUPS

Rental	Expenditure	
\$150 & up	\$10,000 & up	34
100-149	6,000-9,999	96
75- 99	4,500-5,999	256
50- 74	3,000-4,499	636
30- 49	1,800-2,999	4,411
40- 49	2,400-2,999	893
30- 39	1,800-2,399	3,518
Under 30	Under 1,800	18,980
Unknown		758

Median family expenditure . \$1,387
Average family expenditure . \$1,569

RESIDENTIAL STRUCTURES . 8,428
—one-family houses 1,386
—two-family houses 1,784
—three-or-more-family houses . 5,258